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***Chickasaw
Baptist Association***

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BAY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

September 10; 11 and 12, 1907.

Clerk, V. B. TUCKER, Ecorse, Miss.

NEXT MEETING

Place: Pleasant Dale Baptist Church.

Time: Tuesday before the third Sunday in September,
1908, at 10 a. m.

Preacher: E. L. Wesson, with W. L. Brown alternate.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

MISSIONS—J L Wilson, Thomas J Beane

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J R Taylor, A R Wilson

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—F Z Huffstickler, R B Caldwell

STATE OF RELIGION—Will Beard, W S Wooten

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS—T A J Beasley, E Black

WOMAN'S WORK—Joe H Dodds, Elias Grisham

PROHIBITION—Frank Guyton, N J Weaver

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—Dr B F Leavell, J D Potter

SUSTENTATION—Isaac Roberts, Charles Beard

OBITUARIES—W L Souter, A L Collins

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The sixty-eighth annual session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association convened with Bay Springs Baptist Church on September 10, 1907.

Called together by song at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Bro W L Souther. Scripture lesson part of the 8th chapter of the Acts, read by Bro Souther. Prayer by Bro N J Weaver. Short talks by Brethren G W Potter, C W Smith and W L Souther. Prayer by Bro C W Smith.

The hour for preaching at hand, Bro A J Jones the appointee not present, Bro C W Smith the alternate took the stand and read as scripture lesson part of the 7th chapter of Luke. Song of the Dying sung by the congregation. Text: Luke 7:4. Subject, "All are debtors to God." A great sermon. At close, prayer by Bro G W Potter. Song, "From the Cross to the Crown."

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by song The Moderator read as a scripture lesson part of the 3d chapter of 1st John, and prayer was offered by Bro W L Brown.

The letters were called for and read from the following churches (Brethren F Z Huffstickler and Thomas Beane acting as reading clerks) which show this list of messengers, to-wit:

Valley—John Russell, Sister L A Russell, H C Gray, F O Russell, Ben Kilgore.

Bay Springs—J A Vaughn, F P Gardner, W W Baird, R T Holcomb, A Q Roberts.

Ingomar—N J Weaver, Charles Stewart, F M Harris, Robert Randle.

Toccopola—J T Short, Charlie Nelson, W H Miller, C J McDaniel.

Salem—G W Morgan, P A Raffield, A J Blackard, J W Morgan

Philadelphia—R E Ward, M D Waits, J W Adams, G F Bonds.

Bluff Springs—W L Brown, J F Tallent, M C Butler, J M Vincent.

Tula—J W Powell, J P Sharp, A C McAlrath, J D Coffman.

Randolph—E M Forshee, T J Tutor, J E Gregory.

Cornersville—J L Byres, J R Rhea.

Bethel U C—A J Williams, E C Dowdy, W B Cooper, Chas Williams.

Piney Grove—John Coleman, E C Wilson, Charley Bray, J W Carpenter.

Friendship—Joe Hanks, J D Howell, E Black, Elmer Black.

Macedonia—J M Gray, W J Rhea, J T Garrison, G W Reeves.

Liberty—B J Caldwell, F Z Huffstickler, L W Caldwell, R B Caldwell.

Oak Grove—J T Hale, Joe H Dodd, G W Davis, W F Hargrove, B C Curry.

Cherry Creek—B F Leavell, Robt Bryant, T H Spencer, B R Pitts, W R Spencer.

Mt Pisgah—J S Hale, J A Beard, Joe Garrison, L C Crain, A J Jones.

Ecu—J H Hattox, J W Tucker, J R McCarver, V B Tucker.

Temperance Hill—J M Shadrack, H D Caldwell, J W Boatright, J A Hardin.

New Prospect—M J Todd, Joseph R Warren, J R Walton, T J Spears.

Cypress Creek—A R Owen, Will Wood, H B Parks, Bud Joyner.

Pleasant Hill—M J Snipes, J T Beane, J C Daniel, J P Timmons.

Myrtle—B W Blackard, T L Ruff, J E Coltharp, L Frazier.

Duncan Creek—T C Hodges, A H Hooker, W B Dickson, J H Frezell, A J Matkins.

Amazon—N S Gullick, J H Churchill, A J Boatner, L M

Baker, C W Jarritt.

Pleasant Dale—W H Waldrop, J H Willard, J E Sullivan, R F Duncan.

Fredonia—J J Duncan, John Parrish, Rev. A Maynard.

Shiloh—J M York, J M Sparks, W B Huckaby, W D Austin, R P Crowson.

Old Oak Grove—W H Swain, W W Robbins, J L Day, E E Hargrove, J W Hale.

New Albany—J T Baker, J L Wilson, C W Smith, Harry Baker, Teddy Wilson, E L Wilson, M L Williams.

New Hope—W N Johnson, R S Pitts, J F Wooten, Walter Smith.

Dallas—Oscar Dossitt.

Abbeville—A F Hardin.

Shady Grove—T R Black.

Midway—J N W Herring, A H Gilbert, A Herring.

Bethel, L C—W J M Purvis, B Tubbs, Reuben Livingston.

Mt Pleasant—J B Gaulding, W F Coleman, I P Smith, T J Sloan.

On motion the messengers from Dallas, Abbeville, Shady Grove and Midway, as mentioned above, were received without letter with a promise to send in statistics later.

On motion of Bro J T Short the regular rules were suspended and the officers were elected by acclamation, to wit: C W Smith, Moderator; Dr B F Leavell, Treasurer; V B Tucker, Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Devotion: Brethren J T Short and B J Caldwell, with the deacons of Bay Springs church.

Committee on Order of Business—W L Souther, J W Powell.

Committee on Order of Business made the following report: (See order of business).

Called for Petitionary Letters. None received.

Called for correspondents, and the Moderator gave the hand

of welcome to Bro G W Potter, of the Abe deen Association.

The Moderator appointed as a committee on Nominations the following brethren: J T Short, A J Jones and W Blackard.

The Devotional committee made the following report: Bro G W Potter to preach in this house tomorrow at 11 a m. Bro C W Smith to preach at Woodson Ridge school house tonight.

The Moderator gave the hand of welcome to Bro A C Acre of the Tishomingo Association, and appointed the following named brethren to report on the subject assigned to fill the places of the ones appointed on last year who were absent, to wit: On missions, J L Wilson; Mississippi College and ministerial education, J R Taylor.

On motion of Bro J T Short, the Association was adjourned until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Dismissed by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services led by Bro N J Weaver. Scripture lesson, the 23d Psalm. Prayer by Bro N J Weaver. Talks by N J Weaver, A C Acres and G W Potter very much enjoyed by all present.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of the first day read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a committee on Finance, to wit: J M Shadrack, Alonzo Roberts and W F Coleman.

Report on Missions was called for and Bro J L Wilson read the following:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Your committee on Missions report the following: Our mission in the world is a continuation of Christ's mission. Our Lord said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so I send you." Therefore, to obey our Lord, we must be a missionary in spirit and truth. Jesus committed the work to us of carrying the

Gospel to all the world. The year has been one of continued prosperity and advancement. A few years ago many of our churches gave little or nothing. Now we have many that give the salary of a missionary, or \$500 per annum, and a good number of individuals give from \$50 to \$100. Never was a Southern Baptist so able to send the Gospel as now. The great prosperity of our Southland puts increased responsibility on us. The wealth which is coming to us will be either for the saving of our people or the destruction of our fair country. God's way is best, and we rejoice to see that our people are giving more and more to send the bread of life to the lost. We are also glad that a number of young men and women are willing to go, also that every country is an inviting field. Our missionaries are pressing forward the battle on all the mission fields. The large number of baptisms attest their fidelity, as well as God's blessing on their work. We have never had so much to encourage us in China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Italy, Mexico and at home. No one can tabulate the work and its results. Superstition and idolatry are giving way. The bulwarks of sin and satan are being torn down, and God is giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus. But we must press on to greater work. We must heed the command by earnest prayer, faithful work and by giving of our means for its support. For the love we bear our Christ and those who are giving their lives to the work, let every pastor educate and develop his church on this the greatest of all questions in a systematic way, so that all will be constrained to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Signed by the committee:

J. L. WILSON.

Discussed by brethren G W Potter, J L Wilson, V B Tucker, J M Sparks, J C Russell, J T Short, W L Souther, J A Vaughn, A J Jones, J R Taylor, C W Smith.

Preaching hour at hand. The congregation united in singing "Ye are the Light of the World."

Brother G W Potter in the stand. Read as a scripture les-

son a part of Luke 2d, and John 1st chapters. Song, "When I See the Blood." Prayer by Bro J L Wilson. Text, Matthew 22:41, "What think ye of Christ, whose Son is He." A great sermon. Song "Follow On."

Dismissed by Bro J R Taylor until 1:30 o'clock for refreshments.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together with song. Prayer by Bro F Z Huffstickler. The subject of missions was again called up and discussed by Brethren J B Gauling and J L Wilson, and on motion was adopted.

On motion of Bro J L Wilson all speeches before the body during the remainder of this session were limited to ten minutes.

Report of the Devotional committee, Bro F Z Huffstickler to preach in the grove this afternoon at 3 o'clock; J L Wilson to preach in the church house tonight at 7:30 o'clock; N J Weaver to preach tonight at Woodson Ridge school house.

Report of the committee on nominations, as read Bro J T Short, to wit: To preach the next introductory sermon Rev E L Wesson, W L Brown alternate; messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev J L Wilson with I M Gray alternate; messenger to State Convention, V B Tucker. Executive Committee, Rev T A J Beasley, F Z Huffstickler, B J Caldwell, J B Gauling and V B Tucker. Place of next meeting voted on by the Association, Pleasant Dale. Time, Tuesday before 3d Sunday in September, 1908.

Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, as read by Bro J R Taylor:

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Baptists are one of the greatest forces launched in our State for the advancement of religious education. Our own Mississippi College is doing a great work, for which we are devoutly thankful. The college has unbounded capacity for usefulness, made possible by the liberal endowment from our people. The

college is not a preacher making machine, but a broad educational institution, and your country asks that our people patronize it as far as possible. A large number of young preachers are being trained at our school by our own people, who are sound on the taking of our Lord's will concerning us. These young preachers need our sympathy, prayers and contributions, that they may be used in the Master's vineyard to the greatest possible advantage. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. TAYLOR.

Discussed by Brethren J R Taylor, W L Souther, G W Potter, J L Wilson, M Maynard and C W Smith, and on motion was adopted.

Report of the Executive Board, as read by Bro J B Gaulding:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Committee make the following report: Soon after the last Association we met at Eern and organized by electing Eld T A J Beasley president and V B Tucker clerk. According to instructions from the Association, we tried to employ a suitable man to do missionary work in the bounds of the Association, but we failed to find anyone, and having received no applications for the position, we failed to carry out the wishes of the Association. Randolph church applied to us for \$50 to help build a church, which was granted and they will receive the desired help from the State Board. Sometime this spring Fredonia church applied for help to ceil their church. The clerk wrote to Bro Rowe, laying the matter before him, and in his answer said there was no money in the treasury, therefore could not help them now. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. GAULDING,

B J CALDWELL,

V. B. TUCKER.

Discussed by Brethren J B Gaulding and V B Tucker,

Report on Sunday Schools, as read by V B Tucker:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

There has been so much written and said about Sunday-schools that we feel sometimes this subject is not given as much earnest and prayerful thought as it deserves. Our blessed Master commands us to preach the gospel to every creature, and in the same book we are commanded to teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and to carry out these commands we will naturally have to know something about the Bible. A teacher can't teach until he knows something to teach. We should all give heed to the admonition of Paul to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The church that fails to have a teaching service is missing a grand opportunity and the church member that fails to connect himself or herself with the teaching services of their church is missing a blessing. It is really alarming when we stop to think how little we know about the Bible. We need a revival in our Sunday-school interest. We suggest that the Moderator appoint a committee to plan with Bro Byrd our Sunday-school secretary, and arrange with him to give a list of dates in our bounds for Sunday-school institute work during the next year. We recommend to the pastors in this Association that they urge upon each church the great importance, and if possible have a Sunday school organized in every church in our bounds during this next year, and earnestly beg the messengers of the churches who have no Sunday-school to aid their pastor and see to it that one is reported in your next Association letter. Brethren, the Lord will help those who try to help themselves. Submitted, V B TUCKER.

Discussed by Brethren V B Tucker, A Maynard, J C Russell, J B Gaulding, N J Weaver, J L Wilson, I M Gray. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro J L Wilson, the Association adjourned until 8:30 on tomorrow. Dismissed by Bro W L Souter.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Devotional services opened by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro W H Miller. Talks by Brethren W H Miller, B W Blackard, G W Potter and N J Weaver.

The Association called to order. Minutes of second day read and adopted.

Report on Prohibition, as read by Bro J M Shadrach:

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Your committee makes the following report: We believe that prohibition is on the upgrade. We believe those that are minded like Christ are using their best efforts to banish the dram-shop from our country. We recommend that the members of our Association talk more and pray more earnestly for prohibition. We believe, yea we know it is wrong to indulge in intoxicants. As the children of God, let us work, pray and vote to stamp alcoholic stimulants out of our land. May we, the children of God, live such lives before the young and rising generation that they may be constrained to abstain from the use of whisky as a beverage, for it destroys usefulness and clouds the mind and degrades the man and will sooner or later land the soul in hell. Would to God your committee could picture to the minds of men and boys the awfulness of drinking intoxicants. It fills the prisons with criminals, the asylums with lunatics, the poorhouses with paupers, and it gives the cause of the widows tears and orphans cry. Brethren, the Master commands us to live sober and to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Respectfully submitted,

J M. SHADRACH.

Discussed by Brethren J L Wilson, J R Taylor, A W Hardin, A Maynard, N J Weaver, J M Sparks and G W Potter, and on motion report was adopted.

Report on Woman's Work, as read by Bro J L Wilson.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

We, your committee on Woman's Work, report the follow-

ing. Anyone at all familiar with woman's work will readily recognize that it has long since passed through the experimental stage and has established itself as a permanent and necessary force in our work, both general and local. Their contributions for last year increased nearly 25 per cent. over the previous year, and are eight times as much as they were seventeen years ago. Their special field is among the children and young people, interesting them in various missionary enterprises, teaching them their relation to the work and training them for the evangelization of the world. During Christ's ministry he had no more willing followers than those found among women. He accorded to them the place of colaborers. The Apostle Paul also mentioned many women by name who had been helpful to him in fields of labor. Our sisters in an organized capacity have been a great help to our boards through their contributions in carrying on our work in fulfilling the Great Commission. They contributed last year \$37,263.16. All this has been cooperative, not independent. We recommend that they be encouraged in all their work, and that our pastors advise with and aid them in all their societies, and we pray God's choicest blessings upon these Godly women in their work. Respectfully submitted,

J L WILSON.

Discussed by N J Weaver, J R Taylor, W L Souter, J L Wilson, and on motion was adopted.

On motion of Bro J R Taylor, F Z Huffstickler and Elliott Black were appointed as a committee to get up report on the State of Religion.

Report on Documents and Publications, as read by Bro B F Leavell:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

There seems to be no end to the literature sent out from the different printing presses in this age, and the greater part of it is trashy and unfit to be read by anybody, written in an attractive style to draw the attention of the young. All this is

worse than nothing, destroying the taste for that inspiring knowledge that strengthens the mind and builds up a moral and religious life and character. We as parents should strive to banish from our homes all such literature. We should earnestly recommend the reading of the Bible, the Book of all Books, suitable to every age, both old and young. It is our way-bill from earth to heaven. It teaches us the way of morality and true holiness. We also advise the reading of Baptist Record, The Foreign Mission Journal, The Orphanage Gem, Southern Baptist Convention literature for Sunday-schools, The Ecru Baptist, Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress and all other good books. Submitted, B F LEAVELL.

Discussed by Brethren J L Wilson, W L Souther and N J Weaver, and on motion was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE—MINUTE FUND

Ingomar	\$1.20	Cornersville	\$.55
Shiloh	1.35	New Hope	.80
Philadelphia	1.00	Duncan Creek	1.60
Piney Grove	.65	Friendship	1.35
Liberty	1.00	Mt Pleasant	1.30
Valley	.60	Tula	1.00
Ecru	2.50	Amaziah	1.30
Oak Grove	.50	Union	1.50
Bay Springs	1.35	Bluff Springs	.60
Toccopola	1.00	Temperance Hill	1.75
Cypress Creek	.50	New Albany	5.00
Midway	.70	Mt Pisgah	2.30
Salem	.70	Cherry Creek	1.70
Abbeville	.20	Randolph	.60
Myrtle	1.10	Macedonia	1.05
Old Oak Grove	1.20	Pleasant Hill	1.15
Bethel, U C	.90	John Smitherman	.25
New Prospect	.30	Fredonia	1.50
Pleasant Dale	1.00	Total	\$43.05

Respectfully submitted—J M Shadrach, A Q Roberts and Walter Coleman.

We your committee on finance have examined the Treasurer's book and find same correct—J M Shadrach, A Q Roberts and Walter Coleman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Read by Bro B F Leavell, and on motion was adopted:

1906 DEBIT

Nov 26	Friendship, Baptist orphanage,	\$ 7 32
Dec 3	Ecu, Baptist orphanage,	36 60
Dec 3	Cherry Creek L A S, home missions,	5 75
Dec 3	Cherry Creek, Baptist orphanage	31 00
1907 Jan 7	Ecu, foreign missions	59 95
	Cherry Creek L A S, home missions	5 75
	Cherry Creek, sustentation	7 10
	Cherry Creek, bank stock, home missions	5 00
	Ecu, Miss Lou Cobb, foreign missions	1 00
	Ecu L A S, foreign missions	1 50
Feb 18	Cherry Creek, foreign missions	42 00
Mar 27	Liberty, foreign missions	8 00
Mar 27	Liberty, home missions	5 00
Mar 27	Cherry Creek L A S, foreign missions	9 40
Mar	Cherry Creek L A S, Christmas offering	2 00
Apr 28	Cherry Creek, home missions	24 25
Apr 29	Mt Pleasant, foreign missions	32 64
Jul 8	Friendship, foreign missions	6 55
Jul 8	Friendship, state missions	7 45
Jul 8	Cherry Creek L A S, state missions	6 25
	Ecu L A S, state missions	5 00
	Ecu church, V B Tucker, state missions	5 00
Aug 7	Mt Pleasant, sustentation	8 00
Sept 11	New Hope, foreign missions	3 95
	New Hope, home missions	3 95
	Valley, foreign missions	2 20
	Valley, home missions	2 20

Valley, Baptist orphanage	3 15
Shiloh, general missions	6 00
Bay Springs, foreign missions	3 50
Bay Springs, home missions	4 60
Duncan Creek, foreign missions	5 55
Duncan Creek, Baptist orphanage	5 50
Cornersville, foreign missions	1 50
Cornersville, state missions	1 25
Salem, general missions	4 50
Sept 12 Amaziah, home missions	2 50
Amaziah, Baptist orphanage	2 90
Temperance Hill, general missions	3 15
Oak Grove, general missions	1 00
Pleasant Dale, home missions	1 75
Pleasant Dale, Baptist orphanage	2 30
Piney Grove, foreign missions	2 50
Ingomar, general missions	15 40
Mt Pisgah, general missions	4 00
Pleasant Hill, foreign missions	2 50
Pleasant Hill, home missions	2 50
Bluff Springs, foreign missions	3 40
Bluff Springs, Baptist orphanage	3 20
Cypress Creek, home missions	5 50
Bethel, U C, general missions	5 50
Abbeville, state missions	5 00
Total	\$427 71

1906 CREDIT

Dec 18 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to J R Carter	\$ 74 92
1907 Feb 19 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	122 30
Apr 3 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	24 40
Apr 24 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	24 25
Apr 29 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	32 64
Jul 9 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	30 25
Aug 26 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	8 00
Sep 25 Check Ecu Mercantile Co to A V Rowe	110 95

Total

\$427 71

Respectfully submitted,

B F LEAVELL, Treasurer.

On motion of Bro J R Taylor, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he retain \$10 for his services."

Report on Sustentation, read by Bro V B Tucker, by request:

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION

Sustentation funds are funds given for the support of aged men of God who have spent their lives in faithful service for Him. If there are any people we should love, help and appreciate, it surely is the good, old-fashioned servants of God, who have toiled under many trials and discouragements through life for the upbuilding of humanity. What a blessing they have been! Think of the many souls they have led from the darkness of sin to the beautiful light—Christ Jesus. Not only have these dear men been a blessing to the unsaved, but they have been a blessing to the Christians. And now, dear friends, as these faithful men have fought their last battle for Christ, and have become disabled to provide for themselves and their families, let each of us as Christians realize more fully our duty to this cause and give more freely. Let's not let them suffer, for their time on earth is short, and soon they will cross the river of death and enter their home, where God has a beautiful robe and shining crown awaiting them. God help us to make a worthy contribution for this cause. W F COLEMAN.

Discussed by Brethren W L Souter, C W Smith and I M Gray, and on motion was adopted. A public collection was taken for old Bro Thomas Garby, who had been on the sick list; amount collected, \$18 07.

Report on State of Religion, as read by Bro Elliott Black:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

We, the committee understand that this report be given so that we may know something of what Baptist people are doing, not only in our Association, but throughout the entire State. We are devoutly thankful to God for the great blessing he hath

bestowed upon our efforts during the past associational year. We the Southern Baptists have 189 foreign missionaries in the field; of this number 17 are from Mississippi. Home missions we have 880 missionaries. State missions, number of mission stations 494. God has given in return for our labors great numbers of men, women, boys and girls from all parts of the Association, for which we praise God. Brethren, let us take courage from past blessings and look to God, who is the giver of all good things, for greater things in the future. Our Association this year reports a great many baptisms and a great many church revivals. Submitted by

ELLIOTT BLACK

F Z HUFFSTICKLER,

and on motion was adopted.

On motion of Bro J L Wilson, the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee to make a report on Obituaries at our next meeting; motion adopted.

Report on Baptist orphanage, as read by Bro B F Leavell:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The orphanage was chartered July 18, 1894, and on May 12, 1897, in a rented cottage on West Capitol street, Jackson, Miss., its doors were opened to destitute orphans. Since this time the Baptists of Mississippi have purchased 112 acres of land in the northwest suburbs of Jackson. The original cost was \$2,400, now valued at \$60,000; property consisting of buildings, live stock, farming utensils, etc., valued at \$40,000 have been placed there since; total valuation \$100,000. The institution is the property of the Baptist denomination of Mississippi, with its ownership vested in a board of trustees empowered by law to hold property for the purpose of maintaining an orphanage for destitute white children. During the last conventional year about 35 children have been added to list, making in all about 135. During this year the orphanage has accomplished a great work, although it has suffered a great loss in the death of Sister Carter. But under the excellent

care and guidance of Bro J R Carter the children are being developed physically, mentally, morally and religiously in a way that will fit them for useful, intelligent and upright citizens. Recommendations—In view of the fact that they need money to finish up the new building now under construction, your committee recommend that all churches be asked to contribute to this present need of the orphanage. That all Christians be asked to pray earnestly for Bro Carter and the orphans, that they may be guided by the all wise Father in this great work. Respectfully submitted,

B F LEAVELL.

Discussed by Brethren J L Wilson, C W Smith, J C Russell, V B Tucker and B F Leavell, and on motion was adopted.

On motion of Bro J L Wilson, all members of this Association knowing themselves to be in good standing, who meet with the Associations with which we usually correspond, may be considered as messengers from this body.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion of V B Tucker, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are hereby extended to this church and community for the extra good treatment we have received since we arrived in their midst.

A good talk by the Moderator, thanking the Association for the kindnesses shown him during this session, with a heart full of love and appreciation to the whole body and to each individual brother and sister, earnestly requesting the prayers of each one on him and his work for the blessed Master during the next year; expressing the desire that one day we shall all be permitted to meet again around the throne of him who gave his life that we might have an everlasting home in heaven.

On motion of Bro J L Wilson, the Association was adjourned to meet with Pleasant Dale church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Song, "Follow On."

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A general handshaking and good-bye to all was engaged in by all the Christians and visitors.

Prayer by Bro W L Souther.

Dismissed by Bro I M Gray.

C. W. SMITH, Moderator.

V. B. TUCKER, Clerk.



FINANCIAL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

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